

generic or sub-generic to more than one of the alleged
patentably distinct species identified by the Examiner. For
example, applicants submit that at least claim 1 is considered
to be generic or sub-generic to more than one species, as
identified by the Examiner. Additionally, applicants note
that since the Examiner has identified species A - F as the
patentably distinct species of the claimed invention,
applicants consider that no other patentably distinct species
is considered to be present by the Examiner, and therefore,
applicants consider that claims not specifically readable on
one of the species identified by the Examiner are necessarily
included with any elected species.

Moreover, applicants submit that upon allowance of a
generic or sub-generic claim, all dependent claims directed to
other patentably distinct species as identified by the
Examiner necessarily become allowable.

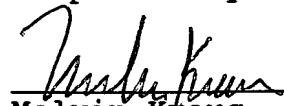
In order to provide a complete response to the election
requirement, as stated, applicants provisionally elect, with
traverse, species A with claims 1-16 being readable thereon,
claims 1-3, 15 and 16 being independent claims.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the election
requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims
present in this application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an
extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any
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